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Mr. Greg Horner Regulatory Affairs/Principal Scientist Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc. 3601 C Street, Suite 1000 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Horner:

This responds to your July 28, 2010, correspondence requesting an amendment of Shell's Letter of Authorization (LOA) (10-01-CS) to include coastal and onshore environmental baseline studies to be conducted along the Chukchi Sea coastline - during the late summer of 2010. This update is now incorporated by reference into your LOA 10-01-CS as the latest version.

Please be aware that walrus are currently hauling out along the western coast of Alaska; amended operations may not interfere with walrus hauled out along the coastal habitat. Should you have any further please questions contact Mr. Craig Perham of our Marine Mammals Management Office, at (907) 786-3800 or 786-3810.

Sincerely,

Chief, Marine Mammals Management Office

## Enclosures

cc:

Mr. Rance Wall, Bureau of Ocean Energy (BOE)

Ms. Debbie Nigro, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Ms. Susan Childs, Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc.

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